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For: METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL-CONTAINING
SURFACES USING A FIXED ABRASIVE ARTICLE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

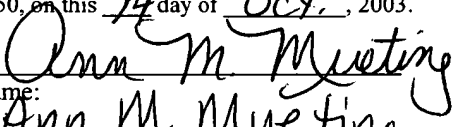
Applicant also wishes to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any documents, Office Actions that may include rejections of similar claims, and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced in the pending U.S. applications or in their file wrappers. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
WESTMORELAND	10/314,887	12/09/02	

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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